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BRITISH COLUMBIA TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

Grand Forks, Jaffray, and Bayne's Lake. Sandon Reported Doomed.

Nelson, B.C., July 19.—From the fire districts to-night reports are that at Slocan, fires are raging furiously. It is reported but not confirmed that Grand Forks is completely wiped out, and that Sandon is doomed. A furious fire is also reported to have wiped out Jaffray and Bayne's Lake off the map. It is impossible at present to obtain particulars. At Kaslo the fire is travelling rapidly and back-firing has been resorted to. At Moyie the fire is still causing anxiety, but at present the town is safe. The bodies of the four victims at Lucky Jim mine have been removed to Kaslo for burial. The air around Nelson is thick with smoke and forests north of the city are still blazing furiously. Fortunately the day has been calm.

Spokane, July 19.—The town of Ryan on the Columbia River, 12 miles south of the Canadian boundary, is reported to have been wiped out by a forest fire. The fire seems now covers approximately the whole territory from Bozrah north to Ryan on the east side of the river, a tract fifteen miles long and seven miles wide. Millions of feet of timber have been destroyed.

Cranbrook, July 17.—A fierce forest fire is raging about four miles south of the city, around Loco. The country is covered to the south and west by an immense pall of smoke, and with a strong gale from the southwest the fire appears to be making rapid headway.

The East Kootenay, No. 2 mill is said to be in no danger, but the numerous ranchers around are bound to suffer very heavily.

Many fires are going all over the country, and it is reported that at Moyie they have the fire apparatus set up in working shape in case of emergency, owing to the proximity of the fires.

Cranbrook, B. C., July 19.—With the falling of the winds the forest fires in this vicinity have not such a dangerous appearance. Still the whole atmosphere is thick with smoke, and a certain amount of anxiety is noticeable amongst the ranchers and property owners around to the south.

Fernie, July 19.—The wind that was so boisterous yesterday, is very still to-day and the houses here have been very quiet, but no lagging is being indulged in by the officials of the town and the citizens in their desire to place the city beyond the possibility of being reached by the fire that may be fanned into life by a recurrence of high winds.

Last night at a meeting of the Board of Trade, which met to consider other matters, the subject of fire protection was made a subject for general discussion and the result was the appointment of two committees to make minute examination of condition in the city and those surrounding.

Messrs Cree, Henderson and F. C. Lawe were appointed to look into the conditions in town and after a thorough survey of the situation this morning, reported to the Board that in their opinion, there should be 2,500 feet more of emergency fire hose procured and placed at the most exposed places, to be used under proper direction; that the fire chief be instructed to make thorough tests of every hydrant in the town and that at least ten or twelve of these should be turned on at once to test the pressure capacity of the water supply, and that every bit of rubbish still left in the fire limits be at once removed.

While this committee was busy in town, Messrs. Trites, F. C. DuBois, A. McDougall and H. W.

WESTMINSTER WINS THE FIRST OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES.

Vancouver, July 16.—Before a crowd of 10,000, with Premier McBride starting the play, Montreal went down to defeat by a score of 10 to 4 in the first of the series with the New Westminster world's championship lacrosse team in the royal city to-day. The cup challengers played a brilliant game but failed to keep up the fast pace of the holders of the Minto silverware. The home team frequently out-classed the visitors from the opening when Fenney took the first goal.

The teams lined up to accompany cheering. The play in the first quarter was very even but Westminster had hard luck in not scoring when they had the ball right in front of the goal on several occasions. The teams appeared to be very fairly matched and it looked like a question as to who would win. The Montreal home was very tricky, and though the players appeared to be killing time they were really waiting for the right opening.

The second quarter was lively, the home team playing fast and brilliant lacrosse and scoring four goals to the visitors' two. The pace slowed up only towards the end of this quarter, the ball hanging around the Montreal net most of the time, then it shifted to the field in front of the

Herehermer, who composed the committee appointed to visit the bush fire near Morisyay and examine the condition of the ground between the fire and the city limits, were busy at their task.

This committee did not return to town in time to report before this writing, but that they will do a thorough job is not doubted as they are not only experienced men, but men who represent large interests and are fully alive to the situation.

Taken with the fire already been done, by way of cleaning up the streets, removing of building rubbish and the absence of any such tangled jungle of slash as was woven all about the town in 1908, and the wide awake alertness of everybody, there is perhaps not a town in the interior so well prepared for any

timekeepers' bench and a scrummage followed, the players flinging each other quite mercilessly. This mix-up escaped the eye of the referee, and half time came a moment later with the score 5 to 3 in favor of the cup holders.

When the whistle blew for the end of the third quarter with the tally 8 to 4 in favor of the New Westminster team, the game was apparently the Salmonbellies. There were a number of penalties in this quarter.

In the fourth quarter the play was rougher than at any other stage of the game, and the Montrealers, who were the chief offenders, were penalized frequently. The quality of lacrosse fell off a great deal in this quarter, and both homes seemed to be a little off color. The two defensive sides did most of the work in the closing stages. The injury to Andy Hamilton, of the Montreal team, was found to be a dislocated shoulder, and he will be out of the game for the rest of the series.

With the exception of a few Montreal rushes the game was all in favor of New Westminster, and Spring scored the ninth goal for the Salmonbellies. Shortly before the end, Westminster beat Montreal again, putting on their tenth goal, also through Gordon Spring.

emergency of fire as is Fernie to-day. The old adage, "A burnt child fears the fire," was never more thoroughly demonstrated than it has been by the citizens of Fernie for the last three or four weeks. The mayor was present at last night's meeting and assured the board that the council would act promptly upon any recommendation of a committee of representative citizens. Seven from outside points indicate a general subsidence of the fires that have caused neighboring towns so much trouble of late.

The temperature is much lower to-day and slight indications of rain are noticeable. This would be as welcome to the people in the Pass, as it would to those who dwell upon the flats, and would be an undisputed blessing.

ENORMOUS WOOD BUFFALO BEING MOUNTED AT EDMONTON.

Largest Bison Ever Shot.

Edmonton, July 19.—The skin of an enormous wood buffalo has just been delivered to Wolfe and Hine, the Second Street taxidermists, by the Hudson's Bay Co., whose carriers have brought it down from Fort Smith, on Slave river, north of Lake Athabasca. The buffalo was shot in the vicinity of Fort Smith last winter by an American naturalist. Permission to kill the animal was received from the provincial government on the understanding that the skin and skeleton would be the property of the province. From all measurements this wood buffalo is the largest ever shot of which record has been kept. The largest buffalo ever measured by a naturalist, was an old bull, shot in 1886, on the Mountain plains by Wm. T. Hornaday, now director of the New York Zoological park. It weighed 2,100 pounds, 300 pounds less than the specimen of wood bison which was shot in the north last winter by permission of the provincial government. The skin, which now lies in the shop of Wolfe & Hine, is large enough

to carpet a small room. It measures thirteen feet in length, and is eight feet in girth. The entire animal is to be measured, stuffed and mounted when the skull and bones are received. When mounted, the wood buffalo will be the largest stuffed buffalo in the world. The only other mounted skin of a wood buffalo in existence is in the Ottawa museum.

This animal was killed three years ago by an Indian. The Fort Smith specimen, when stuffed, will be placed in a prominent position inside the entrance to the new parliament buildings. Ashley Hine, who mounted the skin of the big Banff buffalo, Sir Donald, last summer, says that the wood buffalo skin is larger and finer than that of the lord of the old Banff herd. The animal when stuffed will be much larger than the fine bull which Mr. Hine stuffed two years ago for the Dominion government, and which is now on exhibition at Charing Cross, London, England.

NAME OF NEW RAILWAY.

Pinecher Creek, July 20.—Still another cheering message was received by wire here to-day from the railway promoters in New York, this one to the effect that about the first of August four or five of the best railroad engineers in America will be in Pinecher Creek, presumably to give their opinions and assistance with regard to the route.

The name given to this new railroad venture is the Pinecher Creek, Carlton and Montana Railway Co. With the exception of the foregoing telegraphic message no further information has been received. Strange to say, while the bulk of the people take it for granted that the building of this road is next thing to an assured fact, there are some—very few—who will wear doubting caps until such time as they hear the locomotive whistling.

THE PALM THEATRE.

The pictures at the Palm Theatre on Friday will be, "The Sword and the King," "Dooley's Thanksgiving," "The Parson's Prayer." Last Saturday night, a welcome innovation was introduced. In the intervals monomies were circulated at 5 cents a glass. This will be repeated on Saturday evening.

Ottawa, July 18.—Hon. Mr. Fiddling will represent Canada at the International Congress on Navigation to be held at Brussels on July 30 in connection with the Exposition Universelle. He will also extend an invitation to the Congress to visit Canada's maritime navigation channels.

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Complaints have come into Taber about there being no notices on the McLean Bridge warning people from driving over it faster than a walk, and at the same time the police are halting drivers for the offence, and in one case at least a fine has been imposed. If this is true it seems that the law has been drawn a little too tightly. If there is no notice appearing, the public is right in supposing that the structure is strong enough to warrant driving at any speed desirable, and until such notice is posted there should be no heed paid to any person, police or not, in regard to the matter.

Next week we will have some interesting reading for Taber. We have secured affidavits on file in Lethbridge on the David Barton case, and it will be delightful for the good people of this town to understand just how the law is administered here. According to the affidavits of Barton it is a crime punishable by imprisonment, to pass the guard of our slumbers, while justice is such an early riser that her blindfold gets lopsided in the rush to accommodate the Taber police.

Of all the caricatures on the administration of law and order this incident is in a class by itself.

Last week one of the most prominent gentlemen of Taber suggested to me the advisability of taking immediate action in regard to the placing of the beautifying of our city streets and boulevards in the hands of a park commission. He had given considerable thought to the matter and had taken the trouble to seek advice from some of the government officials in regard to the same. His plan is feasible, intelligent, workable, and entirely right. To me it was one long step in the right direction, and NOW seemed the time to act, for various reasons. However, in discussing the matter with several property holders, I am convinced that the efforts of my good friend is Loves labor lost.

Taber don't do things that way. It looks too much like progression and movement. Go slow, or else make a thousand league jump back into the old rut. This is no time to lay out boulevards, to obtain literature regarding forestation, to plan and make provision. There are too many "ifs" and "whys" to make the scheme a go. So good friend content yourself. You remember the hospital scheme the advertising and publicity methods, the grading of the streets, the energetic action displayed in a dozen other ideas for the betterment of our people and their holdings. The same would result to this idea. Crush your ambitions, for so many with greater interest here than you, have none at all. Taber is hanging her harp on the willows.

From the Sanctums.

What the editors are saying.

Who had all the money? There is more grief over a dollar lost than five dollars misspent.—Vancouver World.

"Just because." A blind girl lately discarded her affianced lover because a confidential friend informed her that the young man squinted.—New York Times.

Cheer up. Do not worry because your neighbor has a sideboard worth \$120. Perhaps only two three-dollar installments have been paid on it.—Toronto News.

Take a cushion along. If aeroplanes keep on improving, I expect to see a revival of that giddy old song, "Come, Birlie, come, and fly with me."—Hamilton Spectator.

Seems quite fair. It is quite fit accord with the eternal fitness of things that the Western aviation meet should be held in this fly-time season.—Hamilton Spectator.

Is it an insinuation? One hundred fishing rods and some full baskets leave the city to-day. If the baskets do not return full their packers will.—Pornee Free Press.

Whoa John! John D. Rockefeller, aged 71, said the other day that he felt like a colt. Cleveland people are requested not to throw newspapers on the street, as John might stop by one and run away.—Toronto News.

Not like the old days. The Socialist mayor of Milwaukee advocating moving pic plants in the public schools. With an attractive selection of comic films "hooky" will soon become a thing of the past.—Vancouver Province.

Pointer for Calgary managers. If there is going to be any fuss about the moving picture films, why should not Johnson and Jeffries go in for the drama together? Johnson might play Uncle Tom and Jeffries Little Eva. That would be a moving picture.—Montreal Star.

Getting to business. "Do I have to exchange wedding presents in the department from which they were purchased?" "Not at all," answered the floorwalker. "Thank you," said the June bride. "I wish to trade a china vase for a frying pan."—Kansas City Journal.

Come along. W. F. McLean, M.P., leader of the third party in the dominion house, and sole representative of his party, threatens to go west and talk to the farmers if Laurier doesn't do the right thing by them. Just as if the farmers of the west haven't enough to bother them already.—Hamilton Spectator.

Lovely country. With a mixture of envy, longing and wonder Canadian politicians gaze on Mexico, where President Diaz elaps into jail his one serious opponent for the presidency, and proceeds to have himself re-elected to that position by an almost unanimous vote. After all, our Canadian methods of political jugglery are crude, as compared with the Mexican example.—Ottawa Journal.

Let dogs delight to bark and bite. Cardston, Raymond and Magrath papers are a little strenuous in their method of warfare. About the only time they indulge themselves in editorial matter are the days succeeding a baseball match, when the language penned in is of the variety generally described as Billingsgate.

The following is a sample and reflects credit upon the writers: The circus has come and every one who attended it can say it was the best that was ever in Raymond.—Raymond Rustler. We believe that the above is the truth as Raymond has never had a circus before during the past hundred years.—Alberta Star.

It took the combined efforts of the editors of the Cardston Star and Raymond Rustler to reply to our article last week. Their masterly attempt failed in its mission. It didn't hurt us in the least but only displayed the ignorance of the two. It was a rank insult and a serious breach of newspaper etiquette. For the sake of our readers we quote from the Star: "After reading the last bunch of rot in the Magrath Pioneer, we have come to the conclusion that our Raymond friend, the Rustler, spoke the truth, when he said in regards news editor of the Pioneer, that it is a waste of labor to shave an ass, and to lie down with a dog you are liable to get up with the fleas." They're a brainy pair aren't they. It's a pity The Star has to resort to such mean methods. We enjoy a fair discussion but when it comes to low, dirty, insults we draw the line.—Magrath Pioneer.

The Young Scottish Homesteader

(BY CHEDWY VANDUSEN)

DEDICATED TO GREGOR MACGREGOR.

"Ye hae came frae yer hama,
To the bes' land, the Wes' lan,
Ye ken ye hae muckle to gain,
Ye hae leifit bein' ye
The auld folk, and min' ye,
They're watchin' ther bye a' the mane

Noo daunt' ye daur snigger
Braw Gregor MacGregor,
While I talkit' ye straight words an' plain,
The God's thies above ye
An' yer ain clan that love ye,
An' lapin' some guid o' yer name

When takin' a quarter o' Government lan'
Be sure ye get loan, not gunth an' an'
For there's lots o' this country thet's not worth a damn,
Gie the bes' for the homesteadin' Scotch man.

On the Sawberth lay doon a' the ends o' yer work,
Nec' min' if its fifteen lang miles tae the kirk
Ye ken its a duty ye never shuld shirk,
Gie warship yer Gaid lak a Scotchman.

If the frost or the hail tak yer crop the first year,
If the kye after wander, an' the calves disappear,
Or the nail is belated, wi' no letters tae cheer,
Adversity's guid for a Scotchman.

If yer stomach rebels at the meals that ye cook,
An' yer blankets an' pillows hae need tae be shook,
Dawnt sigh for yer mither, stan up, tak a look
At mony an-her puir Scotchman.

If the hives pit ye onto a big buckin' bronch,
An' he bats yer Scotch-spine till ye feel lak a crank
An' ye look when ye sit as if ye'd been spawked,
Hang on wi' the grit o' a Scotchman.

When the Grippy gets intil yer bones an' yer head
Don't lay doon an' whine, an' wish yer wear dead
A capsule an' whiskey's all that ye need,
For cauld's ne'er kills af a Scotchman.

When in loons if yer frens hae ye up tae the bar,
Tae tak a dron Scotch, or smoke a cigar,
Dawnt sell out yer manhood awa below par,
Do yer drinkin' at home lak a Scotchman.

When the lassie comes oot frae her ain Scottish lan'
Tae len' ye the help o' a wee wife's han',
Gie her a' o' the love o' an' honest guid man,
Be a man lak yer father: A Scotchman.

When the kiddies begin tae arrive at yer hame
Bless Gaid as they come, pray for mair o' the same,
Then gird up yer loins for the worth o' a name,
Be a respectable father o' Scotchmen.

At the last when ye ken that yer work is nigh done,
Fien yer place in yer country, yer race fairly run,
Be yer death lak the glory o' bright setlin' sun,
Gang on till yer rest lak a Scotchman.

Transportation in Canada.

As the reception in honor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Somerset, Man., Mr. Graham made some important pronouncements upon the subject of transportation. "In Canada," he said, "we have a greater mileage of railway per head of the population than any country in the world and the province of Manitoba has the greatest mileage of railway than any other province. But although much has been done in the way of railway facilities, the work of completing the transportation facilities of Canada has only just begun. We have a route from ocean to ocean in the form of the C. P. railway. When that was first constructed some people thought there would not be enough business for it, but the business came rapidly. Now there is the Canadian Northern, and that in a few years also will be completed from ocean to ocean. You will then have three lines running from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and I am optimistic enough to believe that when those three are constructed there will be a cry for another trans-continental railway." (Cheers.)

Mr. Graham referred to the Hudson Bay railway. "What we have done this year, is the safe and sane policy, and it will not defer in the least the rapid construction of the line. The only difficulty is to ascertain which is the better harbor—Churchill or Nelson. Whichever harbor it may be, according to the proposition of the prime minister will be in the province of Manitoba. We have sent two vessels to the Hudson Bay to investigate the harbors and as soon as we get their reports that road will be rushed through with all possible speed so that in the future you will not only have railways running from east to west but you will have the benefit of a line of your own in Western Canada to carry your goods from the heart of the west straight to the markets of the world." (Cheers.)

Daring Actor Killed.

Vienna, July 19.—Two American actors, Plummer and Viktor, who are spending a holiday in Mondsee, Upper Austria, cycled from Mondsee down hill to Scharding. It is a dangerous sport, against which several inscriptions warn tourists. Plummer, at a curve in the road, was stopped by a stone and thrown head foremost over the handlebars of his wheel, breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous.

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The Churches

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.—Sunday School at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sacrament meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday evening service at 7.30. Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association, every Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Primary Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

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THE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE.
Application for Removal Wholesale License.

Application has been made by Donald J. McMillan and Humphrey E. Amable for the removal of their wholesale license from Lot 20, Block 12, City of Taber, Alberta.
If necessary the application will be considered by the Board of License Commissioners at a meeting to be held at Lethbridge on Thursday, August 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock P.M.
DATED AT EDMONTON this 14th day of July, 1913.
A. Y. BLAIN,
Acting Deputy, Attorney General.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lavender, on Saturday, July 9th, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Renner, on Saturday, July 9th, a son.

R. Dimmons, of Lethbridge, registered at the Taber Hotel on Monday.

Miss McDougall and Miss Stokes have this week left Taber to reside at Vancouver.

Mr. A. Wood, of Lethbridge, has come down to Taber, to work on the drilling for gas.

Dan Olson and Nelson Blue visited Lethbridge on Tuesday, returning the same night.

Mrs. Billigmer and Mrs. A. Campbell with their families, are to-day going to visit the Waterton Lakes.

A benefit dance is to be given in the Taber Opera House on Monday night in aid of the Band funds. Admission is 75 cents.

Married, at Taber, on the 18th inst by Rev. J. R. Munro, B. D. George W. G. Litherland of Calgary, and Myrtle Eva Case of Burdette.

We understand that at the sinking operations at the Canada West Mine, a seam of coal, seven feet thick, was struck at a depth of 450 feet, on Tuesday.

Ralph A. Armstrong, who was recently married, is building a residence for himself on the west side of Douglas Avenue south of the track. He has just returned from a trip to England.

The \$15,000 issue of gas debentures was sold to McKenzia & Co. last week, and brought 98 per cent. In view of the present state of the money market this is considered a good price.

On Wednesday night, three double team wagons arrived near the Canada West Mine and camped there. They have travelled from Wyoming, a distance of 700 miles in five weeks. To-day they are leaving for Magrath.

The Taber Band will enter the Band Competition at the annual fall exhibition. It is to be hoped that incidentally they will release some of our Canadian national music, and not confine their efforts to Yankee Doodle, and other fly-up-the-creek anthems. This is Canada. On Dominion Day here there was an absence of this class of music.

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A bad fire occurred on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the north of the town, and destroyed nearly \$1,000 worth of property, consisting of a tent, wagons, trucks and machinery belonging to Mr. Pitkey's steam plowing outfit. Mr. Pitkey had just moved into town and was camping out near the Eureka mine. The fire was caused by a spark from the cook wagon. He just managed to save his horses.

Fred Cloutier, who drives Mr. Malo's delivery team, had the misfortune to get his arm broken in two places as a result of a runaway on Friday. He was driving past the Canada West mine when the team got frightened and without giving any warning bolted, and before he could get control of them he was thrown out. Dr. Leech is attending the patient, who is doing well.

Cousin's Hall

Sunday Evening

At 7.30 p.m.

BAPTIST SERVICE

Ernest H. J. Vincent,

Missionary.

News, Notes and Comments

Telephone Between New York and London Said to be Possible.

London July 19.—Telephone communication between London and New York may be looked for before long, if the new submarine cable recently laid across the English channel by the British postoffice answers expectations. This cable, which extends from Dover to Cape Gris Nez is the first of its kind laid in tidal waters. Tests so far made have given very satisfactory results.

The cross-channel cable will be opened for public use between London and Paris as soon as the French government has completed connecting the land lines. The tests made lead to the belief that it will revolutionize telephonic communication between England and the continent of Europe, and improvements are affected, it will bring speaking communication between London and New York within the bounds of possibility.

A.C.W.R. Gives Up Contract.

Edmonton, July 19.—The Edmonton Bulletin states the failure of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company to meet the first instalment of interest on the bonds due last week, eliminates the company from the project. The province of Alberta had to meet the obligation, and did so.

This leaves the province with \$7,400,000, with which railway construction may be secured in what sections seem best. So far, the bargain has cost the province \$55,500. Why the company abandoned the enterprise is a mystery, as the royal commission has done nothing to invalidate the contract.

Fire in the Foot Hills Raging Near Calgary.

Calgary, July 15.—The air way to the southwest of the city was heavily laden with smoke yesterday afternoon, indicating the presence of a prairie or forest fire.

On inquiry at the R.N.W.M.P. it was learned that the fire was out near the foot hills, southwest of Priddis, and that a number of men had gone out to the scene.

It was also reported that there was a big fire in the Lincham timber limits, near the head of Sheep Creek, but in answer to a telephone message sent by the Albertan to Okotoks, word was received that nothing was known there in regard to such a fire.

The fire southwest of Priddis is in the scrub and long grass in the foothills, which is extremely dry and is very inflammable. It could not be learned last night whether any damage had been done to property of homesteaders or ranchers. Fierce forest fires are reported from a number of points in the Crow's Nest Pass, and a great deal of valuable standing timber has been destroyed. The forest and prairie fires are starting earlier than usual this season, and are likely to prove very destructive unless a heavy rain comes short-ly.

The Edmonton Exhibition Association this year is making a special effort to have a strong exhibit of Grains and Grasses in the Sheep and Threshed Grains as well as Seeds. In this connection they are offering the following prizes for individual exhibits.

Insert Class 645a, Best Collection of Sheep Grain and Grasses, grown in 1910. Each sheep to be not less than 5 inches in diameter; 1st \$25 offered by Gallagher-Tull Meat and Packing Co. Ltd., and 1 suit of Clothes value \$15 offered by Boston Clothing Store, 2nd \$50 given by the Edmonton Exhibition Association, 3rd \$15 offered by Hon. A. C. Rutherford, L.L.D.

Insert Class 645b, Best Collection of Threshed Grains and Seeds; 1st \$35 given by the Edmonton Exhibition Association and an Atlas of Canada, value \$15, offered by the Douglas Co. Ltd.

Edmonton, July 18.—Private despatches from Alaska from Hon. Frank Oliver state that the minister of interior and party arrived there safely Saturday. The minister expects to be in Dawson Tuesday. Mr. Oliver left Edmonton, June 3, proceeding down the Athabasca and McKenzie rivers to Fort MacPherson where he was met by the Mounted Police, who escorted him across the divide into Alaska.

London, July 16.—The date of the coronation of King George V. has been fixed. The imposing ceremonial will take place June 22, 1911.

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Sport

Rickard to Discuss Return Battle with Jeff.

If Jeffries is Agreeable, Promoter will Complete Plans for another Meeting on Labor Day.

San Francisco, July 16.—Tex Rickard, happy, smiling and jingling some of the coin he gathered out of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, has gone to Los Angeles, where he will have a talk with Jeffries over a return match with the negro. Rickard is confident that Big Jim will re-enter the ring.

"Jeffries was not right on the 4th," said Tex. "And I feel sure that should meet Johnson again, his showing will be better. Although I have no positive assurance from Jeff that he will fight, something tells me he wants another crack at his conqueror. In fact, I feel so sure of it that I have found a battle ground and it is not Reno, nor is it Jaurez, Mexico. It is in the United States and is so located that I will have many people to draw upon. I cannot name the place just yet, as it might spoil my plans."

"If Jeffries is agreeable I will go ahead and complete my plans for a battle on Labor Day. That will not be too soon for Jeffries to fight again, as I believe a couple of weeks of rest and three or four weeks of training will put him in shape. His physical condition is good right now and with the great worry that overwhelmed him in his last fight off his mind he will be a different Jeff."

"I don't think he has been treated fairly by some of the critics, especially those who have insinuated that he quit at Reno. If he wanted to quit he could have done so after the first knock-down when he knew deep down in his heart that the stuff was off. There was one thing about the fight that was particularly pleasing to me, and that was that Jeffries was not knocked out on his back, as I had predicted he would not be. Weeks before the fight, while discussing the matter with a number of friends, I declared that if Jeffries were knocked out it would not be a complete knockout with the white man on his back unconscious."

Contrary to general belief, Jack Gleason got an even cut on everything. Few believed that he had anything more than a picture interest, but Rickard, who ought to know, declares that Jack got half of everything, including \$12,500 of the \$25,000 paid by a tobacco concern for the privilege of setting up three immense advertising canvases within the arena.

Although the anti-picture agitation will cut deeply into the profits of the moving picture people, Gleason will not be affected. His contract calls for the payment to him of \$33,000 out of the first \$66,000 taken in by the exhibition, and when \$200,000 shall have been taken in he will receive one-sixth of all profits thereafter.

If Rickard fails to land a return Jeffries-Johnson match it is highly likely that he will stage a Langford Burns fight at Reno on Labor Day because he does not think it would draw.

Jim Corbett has a Johnson Killer.

New York, July 18.—James J. Corbett has an "unknown" under cover whom he hopes will show himself fit to win the title that Jim Jeffries lost to Jack Johnson at Reno.

Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, who staged the fight between Johnson and Tommy Burns, has been sufficiently impressed to put out a challenge to the day in honor of the unknown, backed by a \$6,000 forfeit, to be used later as a side bet.

If Johnson declines, the offer is open to any other man worthy to be considered a candidate for heavy-weight honors.

Corbett refuses to make known the identity of his protégé, and there is some doubt in sporting circles that he has anything more specific in mind than a desire to see Johnson licked.

McIntosh, who is now in New York, says in his challenge: "The unknown will be named by James J. Corbett and will also be trained by him, the fight to take place in the United States, England or Australia, and I agree to offer a purse the amount of which is to exceed that offered by any other person."

As an evidence of good faith I am willing to deposit the sum of \$5,000 as a guarantee with Timothy Sullivan or any other responsible person, the same deposit to go as a side bet, if desired. The only stipulation I make is that the contest be twenty rounds or over."

GEN. FRENCH CONDEMNNS OUR ORGANISATION.

London, July 18.—The correspondent of the Times understands that when General Sir John French's report is published it will disclose a state of military inefficiency in the Dominion that will be a revelation to most Canadians. The correspondent of the Times adds:

"I believe it will be found that General French in the first place condemns the whole existing conception of strategic requirements in the Canadian militia. This is coupled with non-existence of a national defence organization and an effective staff."

He suggests from the very outset that the Dominion defence forces are in a bad way. If such a staff as we have is to be of any use, the first principles in strategic distribution of its forces, then it is impossible for it to have a sound peace organization.

The writer thinks, however, that although French may ruthlessly condemn much that Canadians thought good, yet he will furnish them with a model on which it will be possible to build quickly and surely, as General French is highly impressed by the material, intelligence and robust earnestness of the Canadian forces.

TABER CROPS.

O. L. Penfield, of the New York Farming Co. has started harvesting fall wheat. The crop is light owing to the scarcity of moisture, but good when we consider the fact that only got about three light showers of rain since the seed was planted.

At the present time crop reports are being published from every district in the province, and it might be in order to say a few words about the prospects in this district. As a whole they are practically a failure, but of course there are exceptions. To the south-east of the town, there are several fields where the crop will yield about a third, and is on land plowed and disced last spring. The best seen was a field of 60 acres owned by A. N. Harbison, where the grain is fully 30 inches. However, Mr. Thos. Mr. Wick and Mr. McMullin have also fine looking wheat, the principal difficulty being that it is thin.

Speaking generally, the farmers here have to face a serious difficulty in the loss of their crops, especially as they had figured so much on it, and many of them put all they had into it, but one and all, they declare most emphatically that their faith in the ordinary is from this year ago. The reason for this is that the grain stood the drought so long. There was no rain since the 10th of July last summer, no snow to mention last winter, and also no rain or snow since this spring, and still if it had rained by the first of July, there would have been a pretty good crop.

The People's Forum

(While the Free Press welcomes, at all times, communications to its columns it is understood that the editor does not hold himself responsible for any views that may thus be expressed.)

Commenting on the performance on Sunday evening last, when a young automobilist was driving his car eastward along west Main Street and Johnson's Avenue, at a speed that would make the "See Flyer" sick with envy called forth many criticisms from witnesses of the affair, who felt like forming a vigilance committee and prosecute the violators of decency and decorum of the Sabbath.

The pleasure party, apparently filled with "snake juice," represented a typical group of joy-riding idiots. Their idiotic yells and waving of hands in connection with the approach of the rapidly approaching car, frightened horses attached to vehicles, and accidents were miraculously averted.

A chauffeur who will speed a car beyond the limits of decency and safety as above described, must be mentally irresponsible, and is therefore a nuisance to the public.

There are apparently no laws on the ordinance books of Taber dealing with the running of automobiles. Our town council should look after this matter at once; then see that the ordinance is enforced and its violators prosecuted.

The thermometer at the Dominion Government Meteorological Station at Lethbridge on Sunday afternoon registered 103 degrees Fahr. C. B. Bowman, who keeps the records, says that this is the hottest it has been during the ten years that records have been kept here. The next hottest was in August 1906, when the thermometer stood at 99.8, or practically 100 degrees.

IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

At the irrigation convention that will be held at Kamloops at the beginning of August there will be gathered together many men to whom the subject of irrigation has a keen interest. Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Canadian conservation commission, has been invited to attend. R. H. Campbell, superintendent of forestry, Ottawa, will be present. Premier McBride and Hon. Thos. Taylor will be in attendance as will also Martin Burrell, M.P. R. B. Bennett, K.C. and Wm. Pearce of the C.P.R. service, Calgary. Prof. Etcheverry, of the department of agriculture, university of California, will read a paper on a practical subject and will deliver a lecture in the evening, illustrated by lantern slides. Charles Wilson, K.C., has been asked to read a paper on the new water legislation and there is promise that in point of interest the conventions this year will be most successful. There is a marked interest manifested in the event and most of the large irrigation companies will send delegates to the gathering and the various other bodies entitled to representation will send delegates.

Although the first convention of the association was held at Calgary only three years ago, the work of the conventions has shown results and much has been done to advance the principle of irrigation and a closely allied subject, the conservation of water. With respect to the latter, it may be pointed out that at the convention at Lethbridge last year a resolution was adopted covering the east slope of the Rocky Mountains in order to prevent the deforestation of that area and the consequent rapid melting of the headwaters of the mountain streams, causing destructive floods and water waste. The government has done as requested in this instance and the work will be the permanent conservation of the natural water supply in that area.

At previous conventions certain legislation has been asked for, and other steps taken to secure the advancement of irrigation as a fair apportionment of water to users, with the result that good has come of the recommendations for the provincial and federal governments have given evidence that they have been carried out. A number of practical irrigators, representing three important provinces, get together and decide that a certain course is advisable, what is in effect expert counsel is being offered and the recommendations carry weight. This year the convention will have the working of the new water act under consideration and the work of the convention in this regard will have its effect with the board of water commissioners who are carrying out the provisions of the measure. Altogether, there is promise of the sessions of the convention being replete with interest, not only to British Columbians but to irrigators in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The visiting delegates will be shown orchards and farms in the vicinity where irrigation has long been practiced and others in the early stages of development. All that is needed to make the convention the success it should be is a large and representative attendance and the indications point to this being filled. Apart from the work of the sessions, visitors will find Kamloops an attractive city, with the rolling hills, the great navigable waterways and the thousands of acres of valley lands in the hands of irrigation companies. It is hoped that everybody entitled to send delegates will not fail to participate in this, the fourth annual convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association.

Jury Claims Case of Murder.

The body of a man named Jacob Gerkin, was found under a culvert southeast of Walsh on the 16th. A jury on Monday brought in a verdict of wilful murder against parties unknown.

General French Praises Militia.

London, July 16.—(C. A. P.)—General French, interviewed here, expressed himself as very well satisfied with the condition of the Canadian militia. He made special reference to the strength of the cadet movement in the Dominion, and laid emphasis on the spirit of loyalty which, he said, was to be found everywhere in Canada.

Honors for Colonies.

London, July 16.—King George has directed that the representatives of his over-sea dominions shall henceforth have the same prominence at the opening of British parliament as foreign ambassadors who are provided with special places at such functions. Hereafter the representatives of the British Dominions beyond the seas have had to take their chances of getting seats in the strangers' galleries.

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